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- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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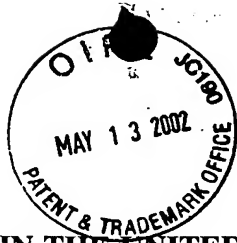
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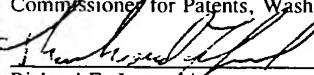
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF
APPLICATION-FILING DATE GRANTED
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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted dated March 1, 2002, applicant hereby transmits (i) copy of the PTO Notice, (ii) Declaration and Power of Attorney, and (iii) check for \$130 surcharge for late filing of the Declaration.

The Declaration enclosed herewith contains the Name of Inventors, Title of Invention, Attorney Docket Number, and Filing Date thereby adequately identifying the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63.

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited this date with the
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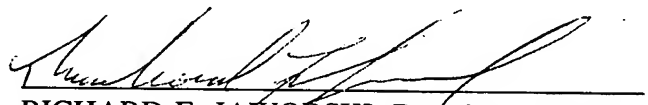
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Applicant also transmits for recordation (iv) an Assignment of this invention to Ricoh Company, Ltd., (v) Recordation Form Cover Sheet (Form PTO-1595), and (vi) check for the \$40 recordation fee.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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